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Ten Short Plays for Play Readers on Zoom

The authors, Stephanie Dale and Jeremy North are offering ten plays for play-reading groups to read in person or on screen, specially designed for zoom. This means they are short, often with a narrator, usually with a high percentage of female parts. All proceeds from the sale of pdf files will be donated to Tetbury u3a in Gloucestershire, but the authors would like to make it clear this is a private offer and not a u3a project. Both are published authors and are Members of Tetbury u3a. They were inspired by their u3a play-reading group to write the plays. Format: pdf files sent electronically.

The Ten plays are:

- 1. Five Wives and a Funeral** by Jeremy North. Cast 9 (6 female 2 male plus narrator)
Approximate time: 25 Minutes

A light-hearted look at how each of five wives seem to have married one man, but with five different characters.

- 2. Murder in the Pond** by Jeremy North Cast 10 (4 female 4 male no narrator.)
Approximate time: 25 Minutes

Set in a care home, a spoof about a murder mystery game held at a dinner party.

- 3. The Open Grave** by Jeremy North. Cast 8 (2 female 5 male plus narrator)
Approximate time: 35 Minutes

Events from Cyprus in 1956 catch up with a retired intelligence officer.

- 4. Looking for God** by Jeremy North. Cast 9 (6 female 2 male plus narrator)
Approximate time: 35 Minutes

An 89 years old woman searches for a spiritual ending to her book, written for her grandchildren.

- 5. Fake News: Goldilocks and the Three Bears (unsuitable for children)** by Stephanie Dale. Cast 8 (female 3 male 4 plus narrator) Approximate time: 30 minutes

What really happened to Goldilocks when the bears ruled the roost.

- 6. Frink** by Stephanie Dale Cast 8 (female 4 male 3 plus narrator) Approximate time: 30 Minutes

To save humankind from the devastating impact of climate change, draconian laws are passed to prevent the growing and eating of food. Is the government manufactured food/drink: FRINK, the answer?

7. Pro-Bait by Stephanie Dale Cast 8 (female 5 male 2 plus narrator) Approximate time: 30 Minutes

Having control over her mother's finances before and after death proves monetary bait too difficult to resist for a domineering daughter in dire financial straits.

8. Death of the Fourth By Stephanie Dale Cast 4 (female 1 male 2 plus narrator) Approximate time: 35 Minutes

To reduce pressure on the planet, when Parliament passes a law that doesn't take effect for thirty years, that only three generations of a family can be alive, the play looks at the unexpected consequences for one family.

9. The Black Pit by Stephanie Dale and Jeremy North. Cast 13 (female 3 male 9 plus narrator) This play comes with discussion notes. Approximate time: 35 minutes plus discussion time.

A Gloucestershire village's struggle to fight an illness with no cure in 1348, is met with compliance then protest against the feudal system of control. Audience participation after the play invites comparisons with the impact of Covid-19.

10. What's in your Cup of Tea? By Jeremy North. Cast 9 (female 6 male 2 plus narrator) Approximate time 20 minutes

A spoof about the confusion that occurs when something nasty is found in a cup of tea with two alternate endings, one providing a surprise twist, the other a double twist,

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